

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-02582-DLF**

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Assigned to: Judge Dabney L. Friedrich  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 11/09/2018

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of

Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
11/09/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5784628) filed by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons, # <u>3</u> Summons, # <u>4</u> Summons)(Wood, Hart) (Entered: 11/09/2018)
11/09/2018	<u>2</u>	NOTICE – Amended Summons as to the U.S. Attorney General by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT re <u>1</u> Complaint (Wood, Hart) (Entered: 11/09/2018)
11/09/2018	<u>3</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (Wood, Hart) (Entered: 11/09/2018)
11/13/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Dabney L. Friedrich. (zrdj) (Entered: 11/13/2018)

11/13/2018	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zjd) (Main Document 4 replaced on 11/13/2018) (zjd). (Entered: 11/13/2018)
11/27/2018	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 11/14/2018. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 12/14/2018. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A)(Wood, Hart) (Entered: 11/27/2018)
11/27/2018	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION served on 11/19/2018, RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 11/19/2018. (See Docket Entry <u>5</u> to view document) (jf) (Entered: 11/28/2018)
12/14/2018	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.(Haynes, Fred) (Entered: 12/14/2018)
12/14/2018		MINUTE ORDER requiring the parties to MEET AND CONFER and file a joint status report proposing a schedule for further proceedings on or before January 4, 2019. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on December 14, 2018. (lcdlf1) (Entered: 12/14/2018)
12/14/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 1/4/2019. (jl) (Entered: 12/17/2018)
01/04/2019	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Wood, Hart) (Entered: 01/04/2019)
01/04/2019		MINUTE ORDER adopting the proposal in the parties' <u>8</u> Joint Status Report. Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the parties shall file a further Joint Status Report five days after Congress restores appropriations to the Department of Justice or on January 25, 2019, whichever is earlier. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on January 4, 2019. (lcdlf1) (Entered: 01/04/2019)
01/25/2019	<u>9</u>	STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Wood, Hart) (Entered: 01/25/2019)
01/25/2019		MINUTE ORDER adopting the proposal in the plaintiff's <u>9</u> Status Report. Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the parties shall meet and confer and file a joint status report on or before February 1, 2019. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on January 25, 2019. (lcdlf1) (Entered: 01/25/2019)
02/01/2019	<u>10</u>	STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Wood, Hart) (Entered: 02/01/2019)
02/08/2019	<u>11</u>	STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Wood, Hart) (Entered: 02/08/2019)
02/22/2019	<u>12</u>	STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Wood, Hart) (Entered: 02/22/2019)
02/25/2019		MINUTE ORDER adopting the proposal in the plaintiff's <u>12</u> Status Report. Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the parties shall meet and confer regarding the status of the defendant's search and review of documents responsive to the plaintiff's FOIA requests and submit a joint status report on or before March 6, 2019. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on February 25, 2019. (lcdlf1) (Entered: 02/25/2019)
02/25/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint status report due by 3/6/2019. (zcdw) (Entered: 02/26/2019)
03/06/2019	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Wood, Hart) (Entered: 03/06/2019)
03/07/2019		MINUTE ORDER adopting the proposal in the parties' <u>13</u> Joint Status Report. Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before March 15, 2019. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on March 7, 2019. (lcdlf1) (Entered: 03/07/2019)

03/15/2019	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Wood, Hart) (Entered: 03/15/2019)
03/15/2019		MINUTE ORDER adopting the proposal in the parties' <u>14</u> Joint Status Report. Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before April 15, 2019. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on March 15, 2019. (lcdlf1) (Entered: 03/15/2019)
04/15/2019	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Wood, Hart) (Entered: 04/15/2019)
04/15/2019		MINUTE ORDER adopting the proposal in the parties' <u>15</u> Joint Status Report. Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before June 14, 2019. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on April 15, 2019. (lcdlf1) (Entered: 04/15/2019)
04/15/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 6/14/2019. (zcdw) (Entered: 04/16/2019)
06/14/2019	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Wood, Hart) (Entered: 06/14/2019)
06/17/2019		MINUTE ORDER adopting the proposal in the parties' <u>16</u> Joint Status Report. Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before August 14, 2019. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on June 17, 2019. (lcdlf1) (Entered: 06/17/2019)
07/01/2019	<u>17</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Jason Todd Cohen on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION Substituting for attorney Fred Elmore Haynes (Cohen, Jason) (Entered: 07/01/2019)
08/14/2019	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Wood, Hart) (Entered: 08/14/2019)
08/14/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>18</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report on or before September 27, 2019. So Ordered by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on August 14, 2019. (lcdlf1) (Entered: 08/14/2019)